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In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 09/553,573 )  
Filed: April 19, 2000 )  
For: ARTIFICIAL LUMBAR NON-ARCUATE )  
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT HAVING )  
AN ASYMMETRICAL LEADING END )  
(as amended) )

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**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application and in reply to the Final Office Action of July 9, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

Amendment with RCE 10-9-07